Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) The contents selection system according to claim 23 wherein:

said ~~client~~ portable terminal includes speech recognition means for performing speech recognition on said input speech information.

3. (Currently Amended) The contents selection system according to claim 23 wherein:

said server includes speech recognition means for performing speech recognition on said input speech information received from said ~~client~~ portable terminal over the network.

4-5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The contents selection system according to claim 2 wherein:

said speech recognition means includes means for verifying whether or not the speech recognition on said input speech information has been made correctly, such that

if the speech recognition is verified by said verification means to be made correctly, then said input speech information, processed with said speech recognition means, is output, and

if the speech recognition is verified by said verification means not to be made correctly, then speech recognition is performed again to output the input speech information processed with said speech recognition means.

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7. (Currently Amended) The contents selection system according to claim 3 wherein:

said speech recognition means includes means for verifying whether or not the speech

recognition on said input speech information has been made correctly, such that

if the speech recognition is verified by said verification means to be made correctly, then

said input speech information, processed with said speech recognition means, is output, and

if the speech recognition is verified by said verification means not to be made correctly,

then speech recognition is performed again on the input speech information received over the

network from said ~~client~~ portable terminal to output the input speech information processed with

said speech recognition means.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) The client for a contents selection system according to claim

25, further comprising:

speech recognition means for performing speech recognition on the input speech

information, and transmitting the recognized input speech information to the server.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) The server for a contents selection system according to claim

26, further comprising:

speech recognition means for performing speech recognition on said input speech

information received from said ~~client~~ portable terminal over said network.

12-22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) A contents selection system, comprising:

a portable terminal configured to transmit input speech information to a server over a

network; and

a server configured to receive the transmitted input speech information from said portable

terminal, and to generate a contents list in response to the input speech information,

wherein a first contents list is generated by calculating the similarity of acoustic

characteristic quantities between first input speech information and preparation~~category~~

information of at least one category of content corresponding to the first input speech

information of each content ~~in the first contents list~~, said server transmits input request

information related to a category of content that is selected based on the result of calculating the

variations of speech information of each category of content included in the first contents list,

and if second input speech information is received, then the selected category ~~information of at~~

~~least one~~of content included in the first contents list is used when calculating the similarity.

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24. (Currently Amended) The contents selection system according to claim 23, wherein the contents preparation information ~~includes categories for~~ is of at least one category among title, performance, and genre.

25. (Currently Amended) A portable terminal for a contents selection system, the portable terminal comprising:

a transmitter to transmit input speech information to a server over a network; and

a receiver to receive a contents list generated by the server in response to the input speech information,

wherein the contents list is generated by calculating the similarity of acoustic characteristic quantities between the input speech information inputted from the portable terminal and preparation~~category~~ information of at least one category of content corresponding to the first input speech information of each content ~~in the contents list~~, said server transmits input request information related to a category of content that is selected based on the result of calculating the variations of speech information of each category of content included in the first contents list, and if second input speech information is inputted from the portable terminal, then the selected category ~~information of at least one~~ of content included in the contents list is used when calculating the similarity.

26. (Currently Amended) A server for a contents selection system, the server comprising:

a receiver to receive input speech information from a portable terminal over a network; and

a transmitter to transmit a contents list generated by the server in response to the input

speech information,

wherein the server generates a first contents list by calculating the similarity of acoustic

characteristic quantities between first input speech information and ~~category~~ preparation

information of at least one category of content corresponding to the first input speech

information of each content ~~in the first contents list~~, said server transmits input request

information related to a category of content that is selected based on the result of calculating the

variations of speech information of each category of content included in the first contents list,

and if said server receives second input speech information, then the selected category

~~information of at least one~~ of content included in the first contents list is used when calculating

the similarity.

27. (Currently Amended) A contents selection method, comprising:

transmitting input speech information from a portable terminal to a server over a

network; and

generating a contents list at the server in response to receipt of the input speech

information,

wherein a first contents list generated by calculating the similarity of acoustic

characteristic quantities between first input speech information and ~~category~~ preparation

information of at least one category of content corresponding to the first input speech

information of each content ~~in the first contents list~~, said server transmits input request

information related to a category of content that is selected based on the result of calculating the

variations of speech information of each category of content included in the first contents list,

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and if second input speech information is received, then the <u>selected</u> category ~~information of at least one~~ <u>of</u> content included in the first contents list is used when calculating the similarity.

28. (Currently Amended) The contents selection method according to claim 27, wherein the contents preparation information ~~includes categories for~~ <u>is of</u> at least <u>one category among</u> title, performance, and genre.

29. (Currently Amended) The contents selection system according to claim 23,

wherein said server sends the contents list to said portable terminal if the contents list <u>is</u> determined using threshold value.

30. (Previously Presented) The contents selection system according to claim 23,

wherein said server requests the input speech information associated with a specified category.

31. (Previously Presented) The contents selection system according to claim 30,

wherein the first input speech information requested by said server to a user is title information.

32. (Currently Amended) The server for a contents selection system according to claim 26,

wherein said server sends the contents list to said portable terminal if the contents list <u>is</u> determined using threshold value.

33. (Previously Presented) The server for a contents selection system according to claim 26,

wherein said server requests the input speech information associated with a specified category.

34. (Previously Presented) The server for a contents selection system according to claim 33,

wherein the first input speech information requested by said server to a user is title information.

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